

RUSHVILLE PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2004
6:30 P.M.

Call to Order: The Parks & Recreation Board met on the above date and time in the Council Chambers, 270 W. 15th Street, Rushville. President Tracey Phillips called the meeting to order. Members present were Jack Harmon, Wilma Jo Kile and Tim Shuppert. Denny Corn and Charlie Brown was absent.
Also present was Parks Director Danny Mathews, Pool Co-Manager Jean Kopf, Mayor Bob Bridges, Secretary Carla Sharpe and Jan Voiles of the *Rushville Republican*.

Minutes: February 20, 2004 minutes was presented for approval. Shuppert moved to approve last month's minutes. Harmon seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Reports: Mathews reported that the Kroger's Health Fair will be on April 3^d from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. They have invited the Parks Department to participate. He is planning on setting up a display with pictures of activities that go on in the park. His main goal is to promote the fitness trail. He hopes to make a nice display and invited each and every one to be there.
He has purchased water bottles with Compliments of the Rushville Parks on them for a hand out.
This is just a way to get people to use the fitness trail for health reasons.
He has asked the pool managers to sell pool passes that day too.
If anyone has any pictures of activities in the parks please submit them for display.
Any and all help he could get would be greatly appreciated.

Mathews informed the board that he is looking at new playground equipment. We need to replace the merry-go-round in Community and Laughlin Park. They are very dangerous. He is checking prices at this time. Wants to get the best for the price. He will do nothing on this until we know where we stand on the pool.

Reported that he, Phillips and the Mayor went to the interview with the Community Foundation on behalf of the grant to widen the fitness trail. He feels it went real well. Should know something by the end of the month.

Reported he went and walked the proposed nature trail south of town. He is working with the Street Commissioner to see about some clearing. He feels this will be real nice.

Reported that the Easter Egg Hunt will be April 10th. He has purchased Echo Mics to hand out to all the kids from the Parks Department.

Mathews stated he is doing anything and everything to promote the parks. The board thanked Mathews.

Claims: Claims for the month of March was reviewed prior to meeting by Kile and Harmon. Kile moved to approve the daims for the month of March. Harmon seconded. Motion carried. Claims approved.

Unfinished Business:

Approve Quote for Construction of Wall in Chlorine Room – Two quotes were revisited. 1) D. O. Corn \$3,600.00 2) James Flannery Construction \$3,790.00
Shuppert moved to proceed with the low bid from D. O. Corn for \$3,600.00. Kile seconded. Motion carried.
Mathews asked if there was any way to specify the date of completion? He would like for there to be a deadline. He wants the work done before the pool opens.
Shuppert then made a motion to award the low bid from D. O. Corn for \$3,600, contingent upon the job being completed by April 30th. If unable to meet the deadline then the next bidder would get the job. If then unable to meet the deadline we would obtain other bids. Kile seconded. Motion carried.

Discuss Estimate on Pool Repairs – An estimate letter from Butler, Fairman and Seufert was discussed. This is for a construction estimate to complete the repairs identified in the 2003 Evaluation Report. The total estimated construction cost is approximately \$60,000.00
To complete the repair project they recommend bid documents along with plans and specifications be prepared. The estimated cost to prepare the documents necessary to receive bids is \$6,000.00
In addition to the above cost, we recommend the work be inspected during repair activities. Estimated cost for full time resident inspection is \$5,000.
They also wanted to make us aware of the potential for the design and inspection costs that could be in addition to the construction costs.

Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Total
Epoxy Injection of Cracks	595.00	Lft.	\$21.75	\$12,941.25
Cleaning and Recoating Deck (Labor Only)	7,530.00	Sft.	\$ 5.00	\$37,650.00
AquataPoxy (Material Cost)	62.75	Gal.	\$ 76.00	\$ 4,769.00
Saw Control Joints and Seal	700.00	Lft.	\$ 6.75	\$ 4,725.00
			Total:	\$60,085.25

Newhouse stated the City Council wants the Parks Board’s opinion.
Newhouse then stated with litigation she can’t tell us what that will run. May be \$15,000, \$20,000 or may be higher.
She did say if we are going to sue we needed to do it this year.
Newhouse stated that City Councilmen Sheehan said that he would rather pile the money into the pool rather than attorneys.
Newhouse stated this is not going to be a cake walk.
There seems to be no signed contract. Even with a signed contract it’s a gamble.
She then went on to say we can pay up to \$100 and have a Bond Council find us a signed contract.
Bridges stated he feels we need to obtain a signed contract.
Harmon said, in his opinion we need to try to find a contract certainly. If no contract then its cut and dry, we fix the pool ourselves.
Kile moved to invest up to \$100 for the Bond Council to find the contract. Shuppert seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

Co-Manager Jean Kopf – Pool Report – Jean sent Anita’s regrets for not being here for the meeting. Kopf stated they are both looking forward to another great season this year. They are having a meeting on the 17th to get things organized.
They are planning on participating in the Health Fair.
They will interview applicants the first week of April.
They would like for the board to take into consideration raising the salaries of the guards next year. After talking to other counties their pay rate is a lot lower then other counties. Shelbyville pays their guards \$7.50, Greenfield \$8.50 and Mahoney Valley, right here in Rushville, pays \$8.00 an hour.
She would like for this board to consider the starting salary for next year for the guards to be \$7.00 an hour.
We have lost a lot of experience guards.
The certification runs \$200 and they pay up front in hopes of getting a job.
They will start house cleaning ASAP.
They plan on hiring the first ten days in April.
The biggest thing to get ready this season is the landscaping.
They are hoping and anticipating for a normal opening season.

Accept Resignation of Stephanie Duncan – Kile moved to accept the resignation of Stephanie Duncan. Shuppert seconded. Motion carried.
Shuppert asked if Duncan will be replaced.
Mathews stated he was not sure, would check with Anita. There was one good applicant that could replace her.
Mathews will bring Anita and Jean’s recommendations to this board after reviewing the applicants.
Kile recommended that no more than one board member set in on the interview process.
Phillips appointed Brown to help with the interviews.

Discuss Pool Applicants – Discussed earlier.

Discuss Playground Equipment – Discussed earlier.

Items not known in advance:

Phillips stated we have received three letters of request.
One from Big Brothers/Big Sisters – Bowl for Kids Sake
They requested 10 swimming pool passes to be giving out as door prizes for the Bowl for Kids Sake.
The second from Cub Scout Pack #27, Den #1
They requested a grand prize of a family summer pool pass.
And the third from Sherri Nickel with Mahayla’s Mission.
She requested a donation of pool passes to be raffled off for a fundraiser for a sick child.
Phillips stated we need to set precedence here.
Newhouse stated she didn’t feel that the board could give passes for someone else to make money on even though it is for a fundraiser.
Harmon stated he felt a donation of four one day passes was fine.

Mathews stated he wanted to donate money for another fundraiser at one time and couldn't do it per State Board of Accounts.
Kile moved to give the Cub Scouts and Big Brothers/Big Sisters four one day passes for door prizes and to decline the fundraiser's request due to legalities of resale.
Harmon seconded. Motion carried.

Newhouse then stated she feels we need to go ahead and repair the pool and sue later as litigation may take one to three years.

There being no further business, Kile moved to adjourn. Shuppert seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

TRACEY PHILLIPS, PRESIDENT

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TIM SHUPPERT, MEMBER

WILMA JO KILE, MEMBER

JACK HARMON, MEMBER

CHARLES BROWN, MEMBER

ATTEST:

CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY